



## INDIANA COMMISSION *for* HIGHER EDUCATION

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Indiana Higher Education Partners:

In the decade since the first *Reaching Higher* strategic plan for Indiana's higher education system was adopted, Hoosiers with education beyond high school have improved their economic standing while those with less education have experienced stagnated earnings and reduced job security. The question then isn't whether Hoosiers need higher education, but rather how does Indiana deliver greater value and a fuller return on investment for students and the state. Answering that question is the premise of Indiana's new strategic plan: *Reaching Higher, Delivering Value*.

We invite you to join us for a two-part discussion of *Reaching Higher, Delivering Value* at our annual State of Higher Education Address and H. Kent Weldon Conference for Higher Education. The details for these events are provided below.

**2016 State of Higher Education Address**

Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 4:00 pm ET  
Indiana State House  
200 West Washington Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

**2016 H. Kent Weldon Conference for Higher Education**

Thursday, April 14, 2016, 9:00-2:00 pm ET  
Indianapolis Marriott North  
3645 River Crossing Pkwy  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46240

This year's Weldon Conference will feature remarks by Governor Mike Pence and a keynote address by Kevin Carey, a national thought leader on higher education issues and acclaimed author. Mr. Carey's remarks will be followed by a question and answer session with the morning presenters. Both plenary sessions and breakout sessions later in the day will delve deeper into issues related to college value.

On behalf of our Commission members and staff, I hope you are able to join us for these opportunities to engage in this essential discussion about the future of higher education in Indiana. To confirm your participation, please register online by Friday, April 8, at [weldon2016.eventbrite.com](http://weldon2016.eventbrite.com). Questions about these events may be directed to [events@che.in.gov](mailto:events@che.in.gov).

Sincerely,

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